"Nor was their affection limited to their domestic circle, for West (II. p. 21) tells us: 'Nor were they indifferent to the charms of a native land. A visitor inquired of a native woman at Flinders whether she pre-[47]ferred that place to several others mentioned, where she had lived at times, and she answered with indifference; but when, to test her attachment to early haunts, the querist said, "and not Ringarooma?" she exclaimed with touching animation, "Oh, yes! Ringarooma! Ringarooma!" A chief accompanied the commandant to Launceston in 1847. At his own earnest request, he was taken to see the Cataract Basin of the South Esk, a river which foams and dashes through a narrow channel of precipitious rocks. It was a station of his people. As he drew nigh, his excitement was intense; he leaped from rock to rock, with the gestures and exclamations of delight. So powerful were his emotions that the lad with him became alarmed, lest the associations of the scene should destroy the discipline of twelve years' exile; but the woods were silent; he heard no voice save his own, and he returned pensively with his young companion."

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"'Their geographical knowledge of the country in which they lived is remarkably accurate and minute. The relative bearings and distances of its more prominent headlands, bays, mountains, lakes, and rivers, are distinctly impressed on their minds. When at any time a chart of Tasmania is presented to them, it seems, at least, in the case of the older and more intelligent aborigines, only to embody the picture of its form and dimensions which their own fancy had enabled them to sketch' (Dove, I. p. 251)."